REMARKS

The amendment filed on 9/14/2005 was a draft version that was mistakenly submitted. The problems with this earlier amendment are corrected by this supplemental amendment. Please disregard the 9/14/2005 amendment.

In the Office Action dated 5/16/2005, claims 17, 21, 38 and 39 were rejected due to informalities that are corrected by the present amendment.

The claims remaining in this application are those that the Examiner indicated as allowable. The claims that have been canceled will be considered for filing a divisional application.

Claims 16-19, 25 and 27 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as "being incomplete for omitting essential steps."

The Examiner states that the "omitted steps are: in claim 16, the creating, at the computer, the single value to decrypt the encrypted software; without this step, it not clear how the computer has access to the single value..." Claim 16 is amended herein by adding the following step: "determining, at the computer, from the decrypted members of the set of encrypted single values, the single value." This addition provides the necessary linking step pointed out by the Examiner for claim 16. The last office action suggested using the word "creating" but, I am sure the Examiner would agree, using "determining" is more accurate since the decryption step results in (at least) a single value, and 'determining' is better supported in the original patent specification (see page 10

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lines 15-16, page 12 lines 1-2, and page 13 lines 5-6) and therefore no new matter is added.

Similarly, the omissions in claim 18 and 25 are provided by adding the following step in each of claims 18 and 25: "determining, at the computer, from the decrypted members of the set of encrypted single values, the single value. Again this provides the necessary linking step pointed out by the Examiner for claims 18 and 25. Again no new matter is added since this langue is supported in the original patent specifications (see page 10 lines 15-17, page 12 lines 1-4, and page 13 lines 5-8).

Claims 20 and 26, dependent on claims 18 and 25 respectively, have been amended by replacing "decryption" with "determination" for readability in light of the amendments made herein to claims 20 and 26.

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